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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR JOINT OPERATIONS COURSE

¶1. This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

¶2. Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean candidate who has been nominated for training in the U.S., pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy.

¶3. The proposed training is the Joint Operations Course, which will take place at the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation, Columbus, Georgia, March 21 - May 17, 2007. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

a. Ismael P. ARANDA Pozo, Civilian, Chilean National Defense Staff, 15 March 1955, Quillota, CHILE, 7.539.897-2

¶4. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.

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